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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF  
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(PCT Rule 44.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 10551/528	Date of mailing (day/month/year) 07/04/2004
International application No. PCT/US 03/36112	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See paragraphs 1 and 4 below International filing date (day/month/year) 13/11/2003
Applicant TECH MATS, LLC.	

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

**Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:**

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

**When?** The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

**Where?** Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO  
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**For more detailed instructions,** see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ **With regard to the protest** against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after **18 months** from the priority date, the International application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within **19 months** from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within **20 months** from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 10551/528	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 03/36112	International filing date (day/month/year) 13/11/2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 14/11/2002
Applicant TECH MATS, LLC.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 5 sheets.



It also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

## 1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:



contained in the international application in written form.



filed together with the international application in computer readable form.



furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.



furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.



the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.



as suggested by the applicant.



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US 03/36112

## Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

Embodiments of the present invention relate to an automotive vehicle floor mat (101) having an insert area (104) to receive a removable dirt-trapping insert material (105).

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#### B. FIELDS SEARCHED

TPC 7 B60N A47I

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

### C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5 316 817 A (CLIVE R. TIMPERLEY) 31 May 1994 (1994-05-31)	1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 12, 22, 27, 28, 30, 41-44
A	abstract column 3, line 6 - line 59; figures 1-5  -----  -/--	4, 8, 11, 13, 15-17, 19, 20, 23, 29, 45, 46

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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- \*X\* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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Date of the actual completion of the international search

25 March 2004

Date of mailing of the international search report

07/04/2004

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Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	DE 299 11 216 U (BELOPOLSKIY, STANISLAV ET AL.) 25 November 1999 (1999-11-25) abstract page 1, line 1 - line 9 page 3, line 6 - page 4, line 26; claims 1-3; figures 1-6 -----	1-3, 12, 22, 26-39
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DE 29911216	U	25-11-1999	DE	29911216 U1	25-11-1999
US 3785102	A	15-01-1974	NONE		
US 5919540	A	06-07-1999	WO	9819880 A1	14-05-1998
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US 3665543	A	30-05-1972	NONE		